

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 219 without my signature.

I strongly support correcting the current problem with existing law concerning the availability of judicial review for employees of the University of California that file claims of retaliation against the University of California for violations of the Whistleblower Protection Act. Unfortunately, rather than extending the same protections as provided for California State University employees and other state employees to employees of the University of California, this measure, as drafted, could discourage employees of the University of California from exhausting their administrative remedies before filing claims in the superior court.

For this reason I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger